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SUBJECT: PROPOSED HEALTH AGREEMENT

REF: ROME 18334

1. HEW/OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH (OIH) HAS REVIEWED
PROPOSED CHANGES IN MOU PER REFTEL AND GENERALLY AGREES
WITH ALL PROPOSALS. SOME ADDITIONAL REFINEMENTS IN TEXT
AND ONE MAJOR REVISION FOLLOW.

2. HEW AGREES WITH INCLUSION OF ANNEX, ALTHOUGH IT WILL
LIMIT LIST OF USG PARTICIPATING AGENCIES TO: 1. NATIONAL
INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (OMIT REFERENCE TO 'DE BETHESDA');
2. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION; AND, 3. ALCOHOL, DRUG
ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION. PLEASE EXPLAIN TO
MOH THAT APPROPRIATE INSTITUTES AT NIH AS WELL AS NON-
GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTIONS E.G. CORNELL MEDICAL COLLEGE,
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WILL BE DUELY INVOLVED IN COOPERATIVE EFFORTS AS IS
NECESSARY. HEW WOULD SUGGEST THAT MOH SIMILARLY LIMIT
THEIR LIST TO INCLUDE ONLY COUNTERPART ITALIAN INSTITU-
TIONS, ALTHOUGH THIS IS NOT MANDATORY.

3. ARTICLE IV, ORGANIZATION OF COOPERATION. IN VIEW OF
ITALIAN DESIGNATION OF "HEADS OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS"

MOH AS RESPONSIBLE ITALIAN OFFICE FOR FULFILLING TERMS OF THIS MOU, HEW WILL APPOINT COUNTERPART. FIRST SENTENCE, SECOND PARAGRAPH, ARTICLE IV WILL NOW READ: 'THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE IS DESIGNATED AS RESPONSIBLE FOR FULFILLING THE TERMS OF THIS MEMORANDUM WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.' SECOND SENTENCE ON ITALIAN DESIGNEE REMAINS THE SAME EXCEPT, REPEAT, EXCEPT THE WORD 'MEMORANDUM' SHOULD BE SUBSTITUTED FOR CURRENTLY USED 'AGREEMENT' IN REFTEL.

4. ARTICLE V, FINANCING. HEW MUST INSIST ON SOME REFERENCE TO 'SUBJECT TO THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF BOTH COUNTRIES.' MERE 'AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS' IN HEW AND MOH BUDGET ARE STILL SUBJECT TO DOMESTIC LAWS AND REGULATIONS. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO MAKE BEST ATTEMPT TO COMPROMISE ON THIS ISSUE, PER PARA 2 REFTEL, TO ACCOMMODATE APPARENT REDUNDANCY IN ITALIAN LANGUAGE.

5. ARTICLE II: AREAS OF COOPERATION. HEW/OIH NOTES THAT NEW TEXT PER REFTEL NOW OMITTS DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT AREAS IN 'CANCER'. HEW IS AGREEABLE TO THIS OMISSION, ALTHOUGH THEY SUSPECT THAT THIS WAS SIMPLE OVERSIGHT IN MOH OR EMBASSY TYPING. EITHER WAY IS FINE BUT IT MAY DESERVE ANOTHER CHECK WITH MOH.
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6. HEW WILL BE GRATEFUL IF EMBASSY CAN EXPEDITE CLEARANCE OF THESE REVISIONS AND CABLE ENGLISH AND ITALIAN LANGUAGE VERSIONS TO DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY FOR VERIFICATION BY LANGUAGE SERVICES. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT MOU BE READY FOR SIGNATURE BY SECRETARY CALIFANO DURING HIS VISIT TO ROME. VANCE

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